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Annual maintenance of 97 fire hydrants begins Aug. 5, 2013

Mifflin Township Division of Fire will be conducting its annual fire hydrant flushing in the unincorporated area of the township which includes ZIP Codes 43211, 43219 and 43224 the week of Aug. 5, 2013. Ninety-seven hydrants will be "soft" flushed which is a flush that is not as disruptive to the water system as a "hard" flush which stirs up sediment in the bottom of the water lines.

The yearly flushes are done not only to exercise the hydrants' valves, but to remove rust and any debris that may collect in the hydrants. The maintenance which will take two weeks will include repainting 30 of the 97 hydrants.

"The annual testing of the system ensures it is operating properly and that we have adequate water for fire suppression," said Captain Jamie Yinger of Station 132 -- 2459 Agler Road.

Residents may experience brief, temporary periods of low water pressure or discoloration of water. If discoloration occurs, residents are advised to run cold water for several minutes until it clears especially prior to doing laundry to avoid stains on clothing. Information about removing iron stains on clothes is at <http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/5000/5539.html>.

Mifflin Township has a population of 35,710 making it the second most populated township in the Columbus area and 17th largest of Ohio's 1,308 townships, and includes the city of Gahanna and unincorporated township area in northeast Franklin County. Mifflin Township has a fire department that services the city of Gahanna and unincorporated township areas, and police officers who protect residents in the unincorporated township area. Service department employees oversee cemeteries and maintain township roads. Three elected trustees comprise the Mifflin Township Board of Trustees which decides issues of township policy and is responsible for all expenditures of township funds.

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